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SENATOR BAKER: Yes.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Your amendment is designed to give more flexibility to the controls of the irrigation water coming out of these structures, and I was just wondering, it allows for how much agreement has to be, and I was thinking about could they decide that half the landowners could get water this year and half next year? Could they decide that if some landowners, way it reads here, really wanted water then they would have to divide the water equally? Is all that flexibility expected to be in this amendment?

SENATOR BAKER: Yes, it requires that in order for the water to be delivered it would require a majority of the landowners in that portion of the district the water deliveries go to, a majority of the landowners.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: (Inaudible) make that decision then the way it would be allocated would still be fair to everybody or there would be agreement that it could, say, half take it this year and half take it next year and get four inches.

SENATOR BAKER: They could work that out amongst their board. One of the other factors enters in here is multi-peril crop insurance, and if there's any water available, they had been letting them...have irrigated multi-peril crop insurance. But now, with such a limited amount, they won't allow that anymore, so the irrigators have said, we just don't want any water, period.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Okay. So a lot of it has to do...it does give them that flexibility, is what I was...

SENATOR BAKER: Yes, it does. It's all left up to the board.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Thank you.

PRESIDENT HEINEMAN: Thank you, Senator Wehrbein. Further discussion on the Baker amendment? Seeing none, the Chair would recognize Senator Baker to close. He waives closing. The